

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 12-17, 19, 20, 22-25, and 28-34 are pending. To facilitate prosecution, claims 2, 10, 11, 18, 21, 26, 27, 35, and 36 have been canceled without prejudice. To facilitate prosecution, independent claims 1, 16, 19, 20, 32, and 34 have all been amended to recite the allowable subject matter noted in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005. The remaining claims are dependent claims from one of these independent claims. The support for amended claims 1, 16, 19, 20, 32, and 34 is found in canceled claims 2, 10, 11, 21, 26, and 27. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-10, 16-26, and 32-36 as being anticipated by Hansen or as made obvious by Hansen in view of Bogia, Chen, Jones, and/or Gold.

Claim 1 recites “A method of updating a system configuration comprising presenting a plurality of selections for updating a system configuration from predetermined modes; receiving a selected mode; and executing the selected mode, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode, a scheduled queued mode, a queued mode, and an optimized activation mode, wherein the optimized activation mode comprises receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.**”

Claim 16 recites “A system comprising a network interface; a computer system, communicatively coupled to the network interface; and a configuration control interface, communicatively coupled to the computer system, for presenting a plurality of selections from predetermined modes for updating a system configuration of a configurable system, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode, a scheduled queued mode, a queued mode, and an optimized activation mode, wherein the optimized activation mode comprises receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority**

**rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.”**

Claim 19 recites “A system comprising a configurable storage system; a network interface, communicatively coupled to the configurable storage system; a computer system, communicatively coupled to the network interface; and a configuration control interface, communicatively coupled to the computer system, for presenting a plurality of selections from predetermined modes for updating a system configuration of the configurable storage system, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode, a scheduled queued mode, a queued mode, and an optimized activation mode, wherein the optimized activation mode comprises receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.”**

Claim 20 recites “A computer readable medium comprising instructions for presenting a plurality of selections for updating a system configuration from predetermined modes; receiving a selected mode; and executing the selected mode, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode, a scheduled queued mode, a queued mode, and an optimized activation mode, wherein the optimization activation mode comprises instructions for receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.”**

Claim 32 recites “A system comprising means for presenting a plurality of selections from predetermined modes for updating a system configuration of a configurable system; means for receiving a selected mode; and means for executing the selected mode to configure the configurable system, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode, a scheduled queued mode, a queued mode, and an optimized activation mode, wherein the optimized activation mode comprises receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the**

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**system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.”**

Claim 34 recites “A method of updating a system configuration for a system comprising presenting a plurality of selections for updating a system configuration from predetermined modes; receiving a selected mode; and executing the selected mode, **wherein the predetermined modes comprise an immediate mode in which all configuration changes are immediately activated, a scheduled queued mode in which all configuration changes are queued until later and scheduled activation, a queued mode in which all configuration changes are queued until later manual activation, and an optimized activation mode in which the system determines the best method of updating the system configuration, wherein the optimized activation mode comprises receiving a configuration change request from a user; determining if a system is in a disaster recovery mode; activating the change request if the system is in a disaster recovery mode; comparing a priority rating for the change request to a priority rating for end-user disruption; and queuing the change request for later activation when the change priority rating is lower than the end-user disruption rating.”**

As applicant has amended all claims to recite the subject matter indicated by the Patent Office as allowable, Applicant believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Patent Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections of the claims 1, 16, 17, 19, 20, 32, 33, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Hansen, and claims 2-15, 18, 21-31, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Hansen, in combination with Bogia, Chen, Jones, and/or Gold, and to allow all of the pending claims 1, 3-9, 12-17, 19, 20, 22-25, and 28-34 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1, 3-9, 12-17, 19, 20, 22-25, and 28-34 is earnestly solicited.